



Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars

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2012-2013 Student Application Instructions

The Idaho State Department of Education is proud to offer the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars (ISAS) program during the 2012-2013 school year. Idaho is a partner with the NASA Aerospace Scholars program which is designed to inspire 11th grade students to pursue degrees and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through an interactive online NASA-based curriculum, using scientists and engineers engaged in STEM topics related to space exploration both nationally and in Idaho.

The Idaho program engages 11th grade students in an interactive online course through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy where students work with master educators in STEM topics. Upon completion of the online curriculum, Capstone Events will be held at the University of Idaho, Center for Advanced Energy Studies at Idaho State University, and with the Idaho Air National Guard at Gowen Field. The top performing students from the online course will be invited to participate in a six-day summer residential academy at Boise State University and NASA Ames Research Center in California. Students will receive one science elective credit for successful completion of the online curriculum or may register for concurrent credit for a fee.

General requirements for participation in the program include:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be an Idaho resident
- Be a high school junior
- Be at least 16 years of age by July 1, 2013
- Have an interest in science, technology, engineering or mathematics
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.7
- Have internet and e-mail access (home, school, or public library)
- Have a commitment to the entire program including online course, capstone event, professional learning community, and residential summer academy

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Application Due Date: December 3, 2012

Personal Information

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Name:

Email:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Birth Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name:

Parent/Legal Guardian's Work/Cell Phone:

Parent/Legal Guardian's Email:

Please bubble in each answer below

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No

Are you a male or female student? Male Female

Are you a high school junior? Yes No

Are you an Idaho resident? Yes No

School Information

School Name:

School Address:

Guidance Counselor's Name:

Guidance Counselor's Email:

Upon providing your current high school counselor's name and email address, he or she will be sent an electronic request to provide the following information on official school letterhead: current GPA, class rank, and current grade level confirming eligibility in the project. Please inform your counselor that he or she will be receiving an email from the State Department of Education with instructions. Note: It is the responsibility of the student to follow-up with the person who is providing the verification information to ensure that it is received electronically by **December 3, 2012**.

Are you home schooled? Yes No

Are you now enrolled or have you completed professional technical (PTE) coursework?

 Yes No

If you answered yes, please list the PTE courses that you have taken.

What are your higher education plans after high school graduation? Please check all that apply.

- No Plans
- Career and/or Technical School
- Community College
- Four-year College
- Graduate School

Recommendation Letter As part of your application packet, a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, or counselor who can attest to your academic qualifications will be required.

Name:

Title:

School:

Phone:

Email:

Once you have submitted your application, the system will email the person with instructions on how to submit an on-line letter of recommendation on your behalf. Please inform them that they will be receiving an email from the State Department of Education with these instructions.

Note: It is the responsibility of the student to follow-up with the person who is providing a letter of recommendation to ensure the recommendation is submitted electronically by **December 3, 2012**.

U.S. and Idaho Legislative District Information

U.S. Representative Name:

U.S. Representative Congressional District:

Idaho State Representative Name:

Idaho State Senator Name:

Please include a letter to your State Representative or State Senator with your application requesting nomination for your participation in the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars program. It should contain information about your interest in the project and your skills as a candidate for participation in order to receive nomination. We will forward your letter to the State Legislator on your behalf along with a nomination form for signature.

Guidelines for Legislative Letter

Write as simply and as clearly as possible, and do not to make the letter longer than necessary.

Addresses:

Return Address

The return address should be written in the top right-hand corner of the letter.

Legislative Address

The Legislative address should be written on the left starting below your address.

Date

The date should be written on the left on the line after the address. Write the month as a word.

Salutation or greeting

Dear State Representative or State Senator,

Example: Dear State Representative John Davis,

Ending a letter

Sincerely,

Your signature

Sign your name and then type it underneath the signature.

Content of a Formal Letter

First paragraph

The first paragraph should be short and state the purpose of the letter. You are writing to your State Legislator requesting his or her nomination to participate in the 2013 Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars Program.

Body of the Letter

The paragraph or paragraphs in the body of the letter should contain the relevant information behind the writing of the letter. Keep the information to the essentials and concentrate on organizing it in a clear and logical manner. Include the following information:

- Name of the school you attend.
- The reason(s) why you would like to participate in the program. How will you benefit?

- Detail your interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics through extracurricular activities or through general interests. For example, Robotics Club, Rocketry Club, Science Olympiad, etc.
- Identify community service involvement or areas of volunteerism.
- Identify and expand on two or three personal character traits that you would like to emphasize.
- Current academic achievements such as GPA and class rank.

Last Paragraph

The last paragraph of a formal letter should state the action that you are requesting such as nomination to participate in the 2013 Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars Program.

Other information: Explain why you wish to participate in the project and why you would be successful. Describe personal characteristics, strengths, and interests to support your explanation in 750 words or less. (You may use a separate sheet of paper)

Please describe your career aspirations, extra-curricular activities, work experiences, volunteer work, honors, awards, and hobbies in 750 words or less. (You may use a separate sheet of paper)

How did you hear about the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars program?

Optional Information: Students are strongly encouraged to provide the information requested below. This information is collected for federal reporting purposes only.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not-Hispanic or Not-Latino

Race: American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Some other Race

Person with Disability: Yes No

Student Certification (Please check box)

- By applying to the project, you are acknowledging the following:
- The responses submitted on this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this application will forfeit my participation in the project.
 - Release of name, mailing address, and school to U.S. and/or State Legislators.
 - Release of name, school, city, and state for purposes of project participation press releases.
 - Personal responsibility for submission of required online assignments and a final project, adhering to the due dates posted in the course.
 - All assignments, including the final project, will be completed using the honor system.
 - Online assignments will be graded by certified teachers using the posted rubric(s).
 - Students will be selected for the summer workshop experience based on the following criterion: Completion of application by December 3, 2012, Essay content, Recommendation letter, Certification of GPA/Rank/Class Status, completion, timeliness, and academic performance of all online assignments and the final project.
 - Efforts will also be made to ensure geographic diversity of selected participants.
 - Should I be selected for the summer experience, I will be available to attend. Please refer to the website for summer experience dates.
 - If I participate, project representatives will contact me to up to six years beyond my participation to learn of my college and career plans. This will be done via email, mail, or phone. This information will be used to assist project representative in determining the impact of the project. I understand my personally identifiable information will not be disclosed.

Parent/Legal Guardian Certification (Please check box)

By your child applying to the project, you are acknowledging the following:

- I give permission for my child to submit the project application and participate in the online community and summer experience if selected.
- The submission of this application is voluntary and I have reviewed and approved my child's responses.
- I give permission for the releases of my child's name, mailing address, and school to my child's U.S. and/or State Legislators.
- I give permission for the release of my child's name, school, city, and state for purposes of project participation press releases.
- The responses submitted on this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this application will forfeit my child's participation in the project.
- My child is personally responsible for submission of required online assignments and final project, adhering to the due dates posted in the course.
- All assignments, including the final project, will be completed using the honor system.
- Online assignments will be graded by certified teachers using the posted rubric(s).
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- If my child participates, project representatives will contact my child up to six years beyond participation to learn of her college and career plans. This will be done via email, mail or phone. This information will be used to assist project representatives in determining the impact of the project. I understand personally identifiable information will not be disclosed.

Once the application is received, an email confirmation will be sent to the student and parent/legal guardian confirming receipt.

Application must be received by fax or postmarked by **December 3, 2012** to:

Marilyn O. Allen, Idaho State Department of Education, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0027
Fax: 208-334-2228